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Life-Threatening Coastal Conditions to Continue Early This Week in Northern USVI, PR and Culebra

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Northerly swells will continue to stream across the regional waters, maintaining hazardous marine and life-threatening coastal conditions through early this week, the National Weather Service has announced. As a result, small craft advisories, high surf advisories, coastal flood advisories, and high rip current risk conditions remain in effect for the Northern U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Culebra.

NWS said the most recent observation from the San Juan buoy (Station 41053) indicated wave heights around 10 feet with a dominant period of 13 seconds.

Potential Hazardous Impacts

- Marine Conditions: Seas of up to 10 feet with occasional seas of up to 11 feet, especially across the Atlantic waters and local passages, including the Anegada and Mona Passages.
 - Impacts: Marine conditions that are hazardous to small craft.
 - Small Craft Advisories in effect through Monday morning.

- Coastal Conditions: Breaking waves reaching the 10 to 16 feet range, with the highest breaking waves in beaches with northern exposure across northern Puerto Rico, Culebra, and the northern U.S. Virgin Islands.
 - Impacts: Flooding of lots, parks, and roads with only isolated road closures expected. Dangerous swimming and surfing conditions and localized beach erosion. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from shore into deeper water.
 - High Rip Current Risk: For beaches from Rincon eastward to Ceiba across northern Puerto Rico, Vieques, Culebra, and all the U.S. Virgin Islands through Monday afternoon, and for beaches of Cabo Rojo across southwestern Puerto Rico through Sunday afternoon.
 - High Surf Advisories: For beaches between Rincon eastward to Ceiba across northern Puerto Rico, Culebra, and the northern U.S. Virgin Islands through Monday afternoon, and for beaches of Vieques and St Croix through Sunday afternoon.
 - Coastal Flood Advisories: For beaches between Rincon eastward to Ceiba across northern Puerto Rico, Culebra, and the northern U.S. Virgin Islands through Sunday afternoon. The highest impact is likely during the time of high tide.